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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Rebecca Pedersen for receiving the "2017 Rural Physician of Excellence Award" from the Illinois Rural Health Association; and

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WHEREAS, One of the biggest healthcare challenges across our nation is the shortage of physicians who practice in rural settings; and

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WHEREAS, In 1993, Dr. Pedersen received her Bachelor of Science from Millikin University in Decatur; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Pedersen went on to earn her medical degree at the University Of Illinois College Of Medicine's Rural Medical Education Program in 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Pedersen completed the Cabarrus Family Medicine Residency program in Concord, North Carolina in 2001 and later that year began her career with FHN; and

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WHEREAS, Dr Pedersen has been extremely active in the administration of FHN, serving as Chair of their Family Medicine Department and on their Foundation Board; she is currently serving on the FHN Board of Directors and is the

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1 Hospice Medical Director as well as FHN's Chief Quality
2 Officer; and

3 WHEREAS, For the past 16 years, Dr. Pedersen has been a
4 tremendous asset to the area, providing a full range of family
5 medicine including prenatal, obstetrical, pediatric, and adult
6 health care; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Pedersen has played an integral part in the
8 University of Illinois Rural Medical Education Program,
9 training 4th year medical students as they spend their family
10 practice rotation under her guidance, where she has inspired
11 many to become rural family practice physicians; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Pedersen is very committed to professional
13 societies, belonging to the American Academy of Family
14 Physicians, the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, and the
15 American Association for Physician Leadership; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to the many hats Dr. Pedersen wears in
17 her medical career, she is also a wife and busy mother of two
18 middle school aged daughters; she can often be found
19 entertaining friends with her culinary creations or riding the
20 bike trails of Northwest Illinois; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 commend Dr. Rebecca Pedersen for her selfless service and
3 dedication to her patients and congratulate her for receiving
4 the "2017 Rural Physician of Excellence Award"; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Dr. Pedersen as a symbol of our respect and
8 esteem.